

a capsule holding chamber configured to hold the capsule in a portion other than a portion corresponding to the air-permeable filter, the capsule holding chamber being connected to a vacuum device; and

C1 a plunger disposed within the capsule and configured to extrude the dental restoration material.

6. (Twice Amended) The mixer and a capsule in combination for dental restoration material as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

C2 an aperture window formed on the plunger, said air-permeable filter being disposed in the aperture window.

Please add new Claims 7-9 as follows:

7. (New) A mixer and a capsule in combination for a dental restoration material for mixing a powder component and a liquid component of the dental restoration material by shaking, comprising:

C3 a capsule configured to retain the dental restoration material and including a mixing compartment and an air-permeable filter configured to ventilate air within the mixing compartment to an outside of the mixing compartment, placed as an outer wall constituting at least a part of a peripheral wall of the mixing compartment;

a capsule holding chamber configured to hold the capsule in a portion other than a portion corresponding to the air-permeable filter, the capsule holding chamber being connected to a vacuum device; and

a cap coupled to the capsule, said air-permeable filter being placed between the capsule and the cap.

8. (New) The mixer and a capsule in combination for dental restoration material as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a nozzle extending from said capsule and having a mixture passage, said air-permeable filter being disposed within the mixture passage.

9. (New) A mixer and a capsule in combination for a dental restoration material for mixing a powder component and a liquid component of the dental restoration material by shaking, comprising:

63 a capsule configured to retain the dental restoration material and including a mixing compartment and an air-permeable filter configured to ventilate air within the mixing compartment to an outside of the mixing compartment, placed as an outer wall constituting at least a part of a peripheral wall of the mixing compartment;

a capsule holding chamber configured to hold the capsule in a portion other than a portion corresponding to the air-permeable filter, the capsule holding chamber being connected to a vacuum device; and

an aperture window formed on the peripheral wall, said air-permeable filter being disposed in the aperture window.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 7-9 are added by the present response. Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. patent 4,871,261 to Randklev. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Randklev in view of Applicants' admitted art. Claims 3-6 were noted as allowable if rewritten to overcome the